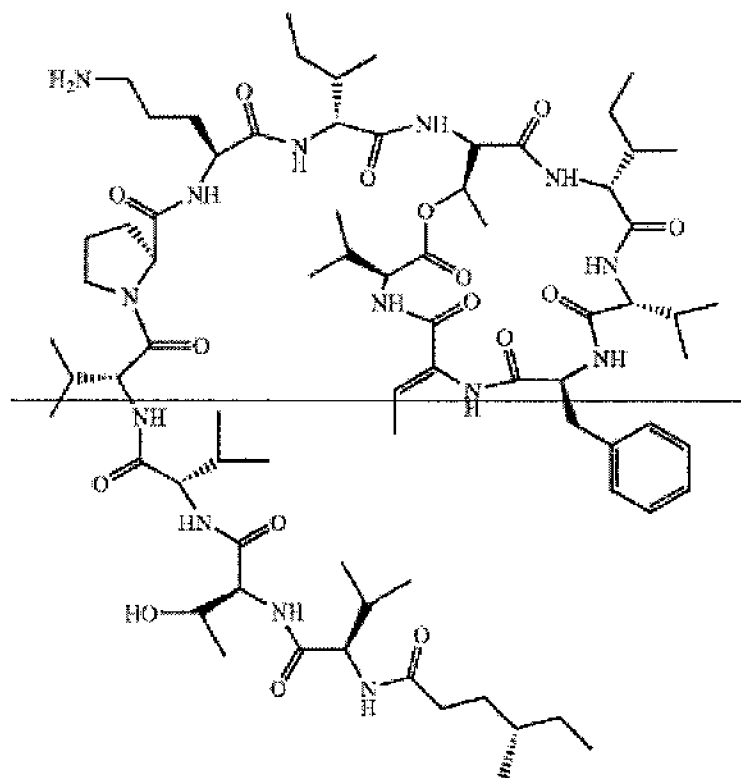


Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph bridging the end of page 4 to page 5, line 6 with the following paragraph:

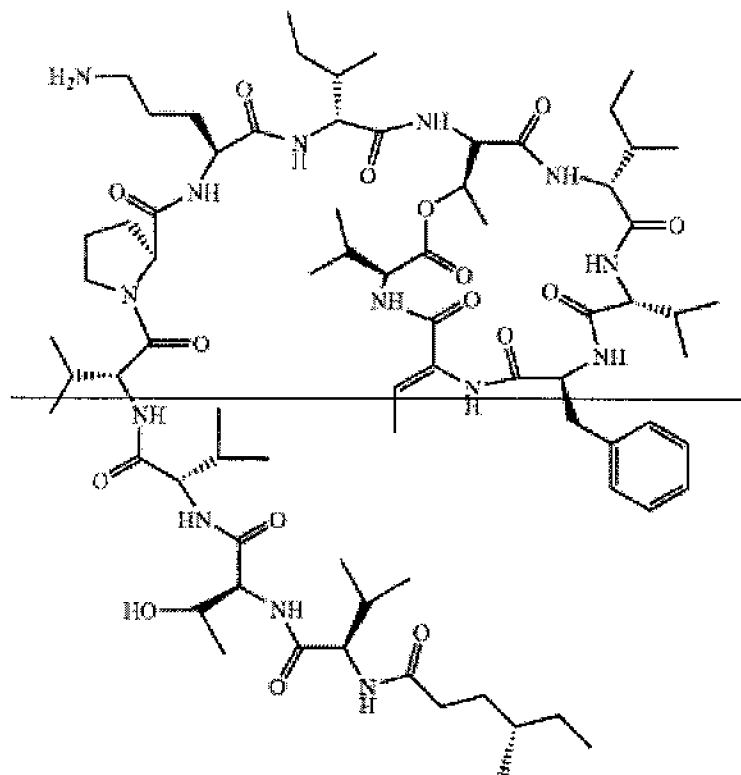
In a preferred embodiment the invention is directed to the compound containing (4S)-methyl hexanoic acid, having the formula 2:



chemical name: 4(S)-MeHex-D-Val-L-Thr-L-Val-D-Val-D-Pro-L-Orn-D-allo-Ile-cyclo(D-allo-Thr-D-allo-Ile-D-Val-L-Phe-Z-Dhb-L-Val) and to pharmaceutically acceptable salts, prodrugs, tautomers, and solvates, thereof. This compound will be referred to hereinafter as (4S)-methylhexanoic KF.

Please replace the paragraph bridging the end of page 7 to page 8, line 1 with the following paragraph:

In particular we prefer that the compound has a stereochemistry as defined by formula 2:



the chemical name: 4(S)-MeHex-D-Val-L-Thr-L-Val-D-Val-D-Pro-L-Orn-D-*allo*-Ile-*cyclo*(D-*allo*-Thr-D-*allo*-Ile-D-Val-L-Phe-Z-Dhb-L-Val).